To be brief, I writ it over, and, as ne'ar as I could, followed the copy, only in that letter I put something out, but in the whole book not a word in, for I protest it was all Greene's, not mine nor Master Nashe's as some unjustly have affirmed '

i6tb December THE FUNERAL OF THE DUKE OF PARMA

The Duke of Parma died of his wound on the 3rd of this month and on the loth his body was brought with great pomp and solemnity from Arras to Brussels The soldiers and fraternities, all the clergy, the Counts Von Mansfield, Arenburg, Barlaimont, and de Fuentes, with all the rest of the nobility, and the menlbers of the Council came out to meet the corpse with lighted lanterns in their hands, and escorted it to the Castle Chapel

i8th December * ELIOT'S FRUITS FOR THE FRENCH '

Mr John Eliot hath written *Orthcepia Galhca or Ehot*s Fruits for the French*, being penned for the practice, pleasure, and profit of all English gentlemen, who will endeavour by their own pain, study and diligence, to attain the natural accent, the true pronunciation, the swift and glib grace of this noble, famous and courtly language

In the first part of the book are three dialogues, showing the words and sentences used by the scholar and traveller, followed by the two books of *The Parliament of Prattle* *, giving the words and sentences needed by gentlemen on two and thirty kinds of occasion. In the former of these books the French words are shown in the first column , in the second the way of pronouncing them , and in the third the English

$oth December PLAYING RESUMED

Yesterday the Lord Strange's players began

again to play at the Rose Theatre after their inhibition in the summer, and played *Muly Muttocco* , and to-day *The Sfamsb Tragedy*

jui *December* THE BILLS OF MORTALITY FOR THE YEAR

This year first beginneth a custom of keeping weekly bills of mortality for the City of London and the parishes immediately adjoining When anyone dies either the tolling and ringing of the bell or the bespeaking of a grave intimateth it to the searchers (who keep a strict correspondence with the sextons) ,